

RELICS OF SPANISH RULE.

Prisoners in Manila Who Have Undergone Horrible Tortures.

Antonio Sibet, Esteban Severidad and Alberto Salmon, three native prisoners in Bilbid, who were sentenced by the Spanish courts to eight years' imprisonment in 1898 for robbery alleged to have been committed by them in 1898, have asked for their release, says the Manila American, on the ground that they are innocent of the crime, and that they have now served about eight years. They tell a story of torture and inhumanity practiced by the Spanish officials in their case that puts the inquisition to shame.

The house of a Spaniard was entered and robbed by parties unknown in the summer of 1893. Eight men, including the three petitioners, were arrested on suspicion. In order to secure a confession the officials tortured the prisoners in every conceivable manner. They strung them up by the thumbs, beat them with butts of rifles; applied the water cure and used the thumb screw on them. To avoid punishment five confessed to a crime in which the three men claimed not one participated.

Their trial did not take place until five years after the arrest, and all this time they were held in prison. Four of the prisoners had died from the result of injuries sustained from the tortures inflicted, and a fifth died while the trial was in progress. Each before he died declared that he had made a false confession to avoid terrible tortures undergone. Finally, in 1898, the court decided to convict the balance, who had survived the ordeal, and gave them eight years at hard labor. According to the prisoners' story they were all simple-minded farmers who happened to be in the town and were the first hordes that the police happened to pick up. They state that they have reason to believe that the house was robbed by the police, and they were made the victims, as no effort was made to develop the real criminals, and the only evidence offered in court was the forced confession of the prisoners.

HAD THE LAST WORD.

Sir Henry Irving and the Too Talkative Salesman.

It was during the rehearsal of one of Sir Henry Irving's Shakespearean reproductions that a representative of a certain firm of upholsterers called to see him respecting certain decorations which the great actor wished to be done, says London Answers.

"I think I will have green plush curtains across there," said Sir Henry, indicating the place with a wave of the arm.

"Certainly, Sir Henry. Wonderful idea of yours!" said the delighted commission agent.

Before he left Irving called him back.

"On further consideration, Mr. So-and-so," he said, "I think I will have something darker than green plush—say, very dark blue."

"Beautiful, Sir Henry! Your taste is admirable! 'Twill suit the ladies' dresses so well." And he proceeded to alter the order in his notebook.

He then turned to go, but only got as far as the wings, when he heard his name called again.

"After all, Mr. So-and-so"—it was Sir Henry's voice—"I think very dark curtains are too heavy. We will have pure white."

"The very color you want!" gushed the agent. "Show up the beauty of the stage." And he prepared to make his final exit.

He had not gone far, however, before Sir Henry again called him back.

"After a further consideration, Mr. So-and-so," said the actor, thoughtfully, "I don't think we'll have any curtains at all."

The agent did not return to congratulate Sir Henry on his admirable taste.

A New Flooring.

A German chemist is reported to have found means, by mixing sawdust with certain chemicals, of producing a flooring which is as hard and smooth as marble or concrete and yet elastic and warm to walk on. It is stated to be fireproof, impervious and sound-deadening, and although laid down for some years to have in no instance showed signs of bulging or cracking. It is laid down in a moist state without seams and thereby allows of the corners and sides being rounded off, an important point from a hygienic point of view. It hardens completely in 48 hours.

The Kicker.

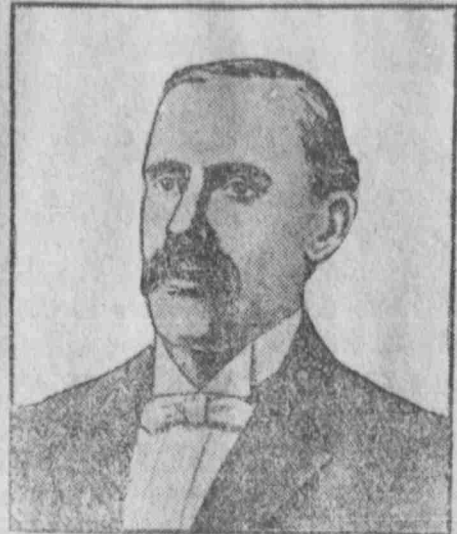
There are always people who never spend a cent, yet are always kicking about the high price of everything.—Washington (La.) Democrat.

THOMAS J. PHILLIPS.

Democratic Nominee for Governor of Iowa Is a Business Man of High Standing.

T. J. Phillips, of Ottumwa, democratic nominee of Iowa, was born in Myrtherville, South Wales, February 9, 1841. He emigrated to America with his parents in 1848 and settled in St. Louis. Later he removed to the coal fields in northern Missouri, where he was employed as a miner.

After reaching manhood his employers, recognizing him as a leader of men and as an expert in the coal-mining business, made him superintendent of the works. This position he held for some years until called



THOMAS J. PHILLIPS.
(Democratic Nominee for Governor of the State of Iowa.)

to the service of the White Breast Fuel company as superintendent of the mines at Cleveland, Ia., in 1880. From that time his rise in the coal business has been rapid. He was advanced from one position to another until he was made general superintendent of the company's business, which position he now holds.

Mr. Phillips was twice elected mayor of the city of Ottumwa on the democratic ticket. He succeeded himself in 1899 and was defeated for a renomination by the present mayor, T. J. Pickler, a democrat. His popularity was such that he was urged to make the race on an independent ticket, but refused, preferring to stay by the party. Factional differences contributed to his defeat in the city convention.

Mayor Phillips ran things on a liberal scale, taking the ground that municipal needs were served the better in that manner. He knows a majority of the coal miners in the state, of whom there is no inconsiderable number, by name. His standing with them is of the best. He is known as the friend of the laboring man and is a public-spirited citizen, as attested by his action in working for the erection of the \$50,000 Carnegie free public library as against determined opposition among the leaders of his own party in Ottumwa.

As a speaker Mr. Phillips lays no claim to distinction. He is a business man and has made a success at it. He has a charming wife who aids him in his ambitions.

CATHOLIC ACTIVITY.

Many Churchmen Expect the Calling of Another Plenary Council in the Near Future.

It is thought to be more than likely that Cardinal Gibbons will soon announce the date for another plenary council. Important questions await action by such body, among them the



CARDINAL GIBBONS.
Primate of the Catholic Church in the United States.

salaries of priests, the relations of seculars and regulars, advanced education and province divisions. There is, also, a large matter not capable of being legislated upon. It is the employment of the church in America as a base for restoring Catholic prestige in Europe. The pope has had this thought in mind more than any other one in all of his interviews with American archbishops and bishops who have visited him during the past five years. He is known to have mentioned it to Archbishop Corrigan and Ireland when they last saw him, and it was one of the considerations which brought Archbishop Keane back two years ago to labor for the Catholic university. The church in Cuba and the Philippines is not giving the Vatican any marked concern. Interests there are small when compared with interests in Italy and the other Latin countries, especially in France. Whatever Cardinal Gibbons chooses to give out, Catholic public opinion expects to see things in America so shaped during the next decade as to make Catholic prosperity here help Catholic interests across the Atlantic.

A Floral Weather Prophet.

The marigold is a little weather prophet. If the day is going to be fine the flower opens about five or six o'clock in the morning; but if wet weather is in store the marigold does not open at all.



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The September American Boy.

The American Boy (Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit) for September contains a spirited editorial on its mission, and illustrated stories as follows: The Grocer's Test. A Proper Pennance, Three Boys in the Mountains, Rob's Gymnasium Ticket, and Bravery That Made History. Leading articles bear the titles: Notable Naval Cadets, How to Learn Drawing, A Boys Building at the St. Louis Exposition Proposed, Boys as Money-Makers, Turning Points in a Boy's Life, The Boy's Library, A Rowing Skiff for Boys, The Order of the American Boy, The American Boy Shut-in Society, Boys Exchange, Boy Stamp and Coin Collectors, New Orleans' Home for Wolf Dogs, The Boy Photographer, Indian Boys and Their Band, The Boy Journalist and Printer, The Agassiz Association of Young Naturalists, September in American History, Tangles and Puzzles. There are 66 illustrations. \$1.00 a year. Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

HOLLIE STRUTTON

Begins His Life Sentence in the Penitentiary For the Murder of J. N. Searcy.

Frankford, Ky., Sept. 13. Hollie Strutton, the murderer of J. N. Searcy, of Andrewson county, whose death sentence was yesterday commuted by Gov. Beckham to live imprisonment in the State penitentiary arrived at the institution this afternoon to begin his long imprisonment. He was accompanied on the trip through the country from Lawrenceburg by Sheriff Hieatt and twelve deputies.

A superstitious old colored convict remarked, upon counting the number of men in the party, that the prisoner's arrival on Friday and the thirteenth day of the month with thirteen guards would prevent him from ever securing a pardon, and that Strutton would spend the rest of his life behind the walls.

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THE SERVANT GIRL PROBLEM

How It Has Been Satisfactorily Solved in Norway.

The servant girl problem has been solved in Norway to the satisfaction of all concerned, although I doubt whether a similar solution would be accepted by domestic servants in America. In large cities like Bergen and Christiania, says W. E. Curtis, in the Chicago Record-Herald, there is a central employment bureau under the direction of the municipal government, and twice a year—one week before New Year's day and one week before St. John's day, the 24th of June—there is a general change of servants by those who are dissatisfied with existing conditions, and engagements are made for the ensuing six months of the year. Families who want servants fill out blanks setting forth what is required and the wages they are willing to pay. These are filed at the employment office and are noted in a conspicuous manner upon a black-board. Women or men in search of employment go to this bureau during the weeks named, examine the black-board and apply to the clerk in charge for further information.

If they desire to apply for a particular position they submit their recommendations to the clerk, and if he is satisfied he gives them a card to the lady of the house. That card is good for the day only and must be returned by the lady of the house before the close of office hours. If the girl is engaged the blanks upon the card are filled out with a general statement as to her duties, the term of service and the wages agreed upon, and the card is filed away for reference if necessary. If the lady of the house is not satisfied with the applicant she sends her way and returns the card marked "not satisfactory" to headquarters, with a request that other applicants be sent to her. If the applicant is satisfactory the lady of the house pays her a bonus of one krone or two kroner, called "hand money"—that is, she crosses her hand with silver as an evidence of good faith—and the girl agrees to report for duty within one week after New Year's or Midsummer's day, as the case may be. This is to allow her present employer an opportunity to fill her place.

In some of the smaller towns the dates for changing servants are April 14 and October 14.

The law protects both the employer and the employed. The employer guarantees to give the servant a comfortable room, wholesome food, take care of her if sick and pay her wages regularly as agreed upon during good behavior; while the girl agrees to perform her duties faithfully during the term for which she is engaged. If there is any complaint upon either side it must be made to a magistrate, who investigates and decides between them. A family cannot get rid of a servant during her term of employment without official intervention. On the other hand, the girl's wages are a first lien upon their property, for the entire term, although judgment must be rendered and made a matter of record. If a servant runs away from her employer she can be arrested by the police and imprisoned and fined. Cooks are paid from four to seven dollars a month; housemaids, from three to six dollars a month; men butlers, from ten to \$15; coachmen, from \$12 to \$16 a month; scullery maids and men of all work receive corresponding wages.

THEY MADE IT UP.

How a Lover Extricated Himself from a Rather Bad Situation.

They sat in the drawing-room after everyone else had gone to dinner. Neither knew why, and neither asked.

"Nora," he whispered, "you have something to tell me, something—"

"How dare you call me Nora—you who were seen kissing two girls at the Bifkins' party the other evening!—you—"

The engaged girl was hurt. The grandness of a woman scorned seemed to cut the erring youth to the very quick.

"Forgive me, Nora," he said, "but their combined ages would only make 21."

"Ah, George!" Curtain.

He forgot to explain that one was 19 and the other two.—London Answers.

Dress Both Body and Mind.

I do not doubt but that the mind is a less pleasant thing to look at than the face, and for that very reason it needs more looking at; so always have two mirrors on your toilet table and see that with proper care you dress body and mind before them daily. After the dressing is once over for the day, think no more about it.—Ruskin.

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